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The amendment filed by the applicant on 12/17/2004 is non-compliant because it fails to meet the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121 for the following reasons:

(1) In the "Amendments to Specification" section: pages 2, 3, and 7 of the response all include replacement paragraphs for the paragraph commencing at line 14, page 14, and none of the aforementioned replacement paragraphs (with markings) actually correlate to the paragraph commencing at line 14, page 14. Additionally, the applicant attempts to delete the paragraph commencing at line 1, page 11 by striking-through the entire paragraph, which is improper. Deletion of a paragraph or section must only include an instruction to delete, and the location of the paragraph or section (not strikethrough).

(2) In the "Amendments to Claims" section: The status identifier for Claim 15 is incorrect (i.e., it should be "currently amended", not "original").

While not specifically relevant to the issue of non-compliance, the examiner notes that the applicant attempts to replace the term, "previous art literature" with "literature" (see page 13 of the response), which may raise an issue of new matter.

Applicant is given a time period of ONE MONTH from the mailing of this communication to re-submit a corrected version of the Specification and Claims sections that complies with 37 CFR 1.121.

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